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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

I actually hope this newsletter sits in your inbox for a few days. You should be enjoying a little time off to recharge. The new school year will be here soon.

The 2016 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) is behind us, and it was deemed a success. We had more participants and more sessions this year than any before. It wasn't just the numbers that made it successful; it was the dedication of our presenters and participants who just want to be better at what they do. We have already started planning for next year, so please save the date—June 5-8, 2017.

Whether you are in the cool pines on a mountain in Arizona, on the beach in California, on a road trip around the country, or in a wading pool or horse trough in your backyard, enjoy and celebrate Independence Day.



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School Superintendent,

Workshops

Dates to Remember:

July 2—McMurray Communications Nickel Picnic / Safford Rotary fundraisers at the Graham County Fairgrounds

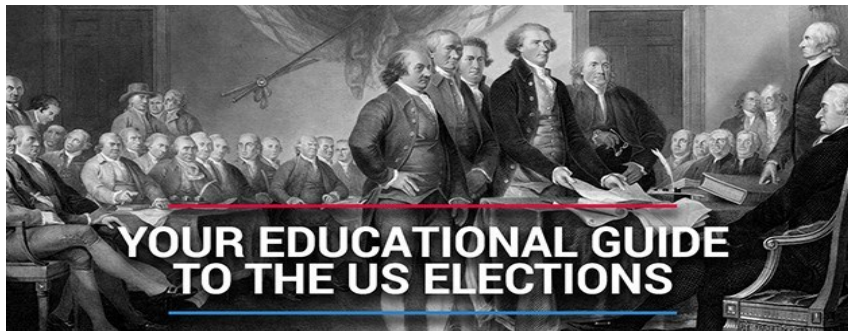
July 4—Independence Day

July 11-15—Teaching Reading Effectively (**this class is full**)

August—Yep, it's almost time for school to start again!



Engage Your Students in the Political Process with Resources from ELECTION CENTRAL



It's an election year and PBS has created tools, resources, and creative solutions to help you educate tomorrow's leaders on the various facets of the political process.

Turn news coverage into learning opportunities with new content including the history of presidential elections, the local impact of national issues, how the Electoral college works, fast facts, and more. [Visit ELECTION CENTRAL](#)



The Election Collection

Why do we have presidential elections in the United States? What's a constitutional democracy? What are the foundations of government? These election-themed resources are designed to spark discussion in the classroom. [View Collection](#)



Lesson Plans: Voting, Elections, and the Political Process

Looking to plan a lesson on current events and the upcoming elections but not sure where to start? We've compiled a selection of high-quality lesson plans on topics including the role of social media in an election, the purpose of the primaries, how to host a mock debate, and more. [View Lesson Plans](#)

More PBS LearningMedia opportunities on the next two pages.

Attention parents and caregivers!

Arizona PBS and PBS KIDS are jumping into summer with a new, one-hour event of ODD SQUAD, which includes an encore of the finale of season one, and the premiere of season two.

When Olive and Otto set off to run their own Odd Squad bureau, Ms. O must find two new recruits who can fill their shoes. Odd Squad: Agents of Change premieres on Monday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m., followed by new season 2 episodes that and the following week.

It's going to be a fun kick-off to summer so I hope you'll have the chance to tune in and watch or record for later.

As always, I encourage you to watch our children's programs with your kids and ask them questions about the topics in the shows to reinforce the educational content. And feel free to let me know what you think.

Stay tuned!

Kelly McCullough
General Manager

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Using Assessment and Evaluation | Grades K-12 | 30 Hours

Delve into the full array of assessment and evaluation tools, including rubrics, journals, formal and informal assessments, and portfolios. Then, create an effective rubric based on an existing student assignment.

[Enroll Now](#)



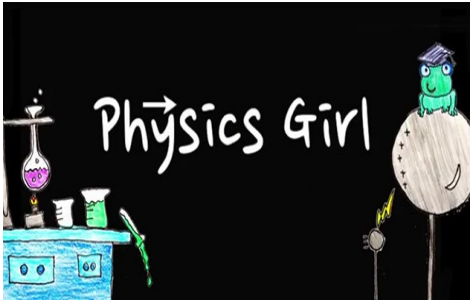
Differentiated Instruction | Grades 6-8 | 30 Hours

Meet the needs of all your middle-school students with techniques to differentiate content, activities, and assessments. Discover methods for pre-assessment and strategies for tiered activities, and create a differentiated instructional unit that meets your local standards of learning. [Enroll Now](#)



It's Time to Think Big

Physics Girl Sheds New Light on the Fun, Adventurous Side of Physical Science



Discover the immersive, perplexing, and hands-on side of physical science with Dianna Cowern, host of *Physics Girl*. In this series, Dianna shows us how the physical world works by using everyday experiences and questions to demonstrate basic (and sometimes, dangerously complex) scientific ideas.

[View Collection](#)



Stephen Hawking Lesson Plan | *Hawking* | Grades 6-12

In this lesson, students will discuss ideas from the *Hawking* biography video that are particularly meaningful to them. This discussion strategy is structured in a way that requires all students to participate, giving both active and quiet speakers equal footing. [View Lesson Plan](#)



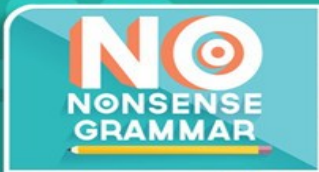
Mysteries of Deep Space | *Time Travel to the Edge of the Universe and Back!* | Grades 9-12

In this lesson, students will study the size of the universe, calculate the time to travel to destinations, and construct a time scale model of the universe by using time travel distances. [View Resource](#)



It's Okay to Be Smart | Grades 6-12

Join host Joe Hanson as he explores the eccentricities of the scientific world. From physics and astronomy, to biology and neuroscience, nothing is off-limits in this quirky series. [View Collection](#)



Free iBook Download: No Nonsense Grammar | Grades 4-8

Get access to differentiated lesson plans and activities you can use to guide students through the intricacies of everyday grammar. Resources in this book are aligned to Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy.

[View in iTunes](#)



Fall 2016 TRBF Programs

TRBF has put together an exciting fall 2016 lineup. We hope you'll join us at one or more of the programs listed below.

August 13, 2016

Macroeconomics Fun & Games! This half-day workshop will take participants through six teacher-created games.

August 27, 2016

Economics & World History— Economics and world history overlap in countless ways – learn how to bring these subjects to together for your students.

September 10, 2016

VOTE: Health Care—Learn about conservative, liberal, and radical perspectives on the economics of health care in this one-day workshop.

September 24, 2016

The Best of the Fed Experience valuable educational resources from the Federal Reserve System.

October 7-8, 2016

(Almost) "Free" Trip to Phoenix Learn about a TRBF subsidy to attend the Council for Economics Education Conference in Phoenix.

November 5, 2016

Clifford Returns! A nationally known AP® Economics Teacher is coming back to Tucson for a one-day workshop! If you want ideas and activities for reinvigorating your economics classroom, this workshop is for you!

November 19, 2016

VOTE: Retirement Security

Learn about the conservative, liberal, and radical perspectives on the economics of retirement security.

TBA

Math & Economics in Children's Literature

Learn how to get the most out of story time by choosing titles that incorporate math and economics.

Look for publicity in your inbox soon.

We anticipate additional fall programs, look for details in your inbox in the coming weeks.

<http://brownfoundations.org/trbf/>



Arizona Children's Health Survey

The Arizona Department of Health Services has launched the **Arizona Children's Health Survey**. The survey will identify children's health needs ages birth to 17 years old.



- The survey is available in online and mobile formats
- It takes about 6-10 minutes to finish.
- We are asking you to take the survey for each child in your care.
- Example: If you are a family that has 3 children, then you will take the survey 3 times in order for ADHS to capture age related information.
- All information gathered in the survey is confidential and will not be shared.



Please access the survey in English and Spanish at:

Graham County Home Page—<http://www.graham.az.gov/>

Click on [Arizona Children's Health Survey](#)

then scroll down for access to the survey links in English or Spanish.

Thank you for participating in this very important survey.

Results of the survey will be available in early 2017 and may be requested from the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs, OCSHCN@azdhs.gov



Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Arizona State University | School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning |

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<http://geoalliance.asu.edu/> | <https://www.facebook.com/geoalliance/>

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Journey through Time: Arizona, From Territory to Statehood

Description: In this lesson students will learn about Arizona's early days and follow its path from territory to statehood while exploring the movement of capitals, founding people, symbols, and culture.

Author: Kelli Jones

Grade Range: 4

Duration: 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Map: Arizona](#)

[Video Presentation on this Lesson](#)

Other links that might be useful:

[Map: Historical Development of Arizona and New Mexico Boundaries](#)

[Graph: Population of Arizona's Counties 1910 - 2005](#)

Arizona Council for History Education (ACHE)

ACHE members are invited to submit lesson plans based on a series of interviews between Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Arizona political figures (the DVD of the interviews will be provided to interested participants). Ten lesson plans will be selected from the entries to be published as part of the Centennial Series Curriculum. The authors of **selected lesson plans will receive a \$500 stipend**. Please use the links below to learn more about this great opportunity.

[Slideshow - provides overview of expectations and important deadlines](#)

[Lesson Plan Template](#)

[Lesson Plan Checklist](#)

Process for Submissions: Submissions opened: May 2016

Submissions due to ACHE: **September 13, 2016**

Finalists notified: by September 27, 2016, Finalists editing/revisions due: October 11, 2016

If you are interested in participating:

Please email centennialserieslessons@gmail.com and provide your name and mailing address

A copy of the DVD of interviews will be mailed to you.

Membership link: <http://www.azhistorycouncil.org/membership.html>

(Membership is included in annual conference held August 20, 2016 at the Mesa Arts Center)

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Engineering is Elementary Teacher Educator Institute

August 23 – 24, 2016. Cost \$350

Registration Deadline 8/9/2016.

Are you an elementary science leader in your school or district? Are you interested in leading Engineering is Elementary (EiE) Teacher Workshops?

Please join us for an Engineering is Elementary Teacher Educator Institute August 23-25, 2016 in Gilbert. This three day professional learning session will prepare you to facilitate EiE professional development workshops in your school, district, or state.

Informational Flyer - <https://www2.nau.edu/d-cstl/wordpress/index.php/2016/05/12/engineering-is-elementary-teacher-educator-institute-2/>

Online Registration - <https://www5.nau.edu/cstl/workshop/>

Lessons:

Tasting the Sky: Life on the West Bank

Description: In this lesson, students will read and write about the memoir of a childhood in Ramallah, on the West Bank. The storyteller, Bakarar, offers a child's view of the daily indignities, oppression, and textures of life in an occupied land.

Author: Patricia Hutchinson

Grade Range: 7-8

Duration: 2-3 class periods after reading the novel

Teacher Instructions

Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

Map – SW Asia/North Africa

Map – SW Asia/North Africa (labeled)

Map – World

Other materials that may be useful:

[National Geographic MapMaker Interactive](#)

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5 Themes of Geography: A Basis for Understanding Geography

Lesson Plan Content

Description: In this series of lessons, students will learn and apply the five themes of geography so that their study of geography can begin. Once students have mastered this geographic terminology, then students can correctly use these themes to identify how the earth is organized spatially. This lesson encompasses too many standards for various grade levels to include in this lesson plan. Therefore, Grade 5 will be featured in the AZ Geography Strand; however, this lesson is appropriate for grades 3 through high school.

Author: Alliance Teacher Consultants

Grade Range: 5-High School

Duration: 1-2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

Other materials that may be useful:

[Quizlet 5 Themes Definition Review](#) [Prezi example Delaware](#)

From Sea to Shining Sea: Solving the Puzzle

Description: In this lesson, students will learn to create maps for teaching and learning geographical aspects of American history. They will also gain awareness of how the borders of the United States have changed over time and conduct simple research into the reasons for the changing borders.

Author: Diane Godfrey

Grade Range: 5

Duration: 4 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#) [Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Animation – US](#) [Puzzle Designs](#) [Map – United States blank](#)

Other material that might be useful:

[Map – American Colonies \(labeled\)](#)

[Map – US 1787](#) [Map – US 1803](#) [Map – US 1819](#) [Map – US 1845](#) [Map – US 1848](#) [Map – US 1853](#)

[Map – US during Civil War \(labeled\)](#)

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

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Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Speaking of wonderful resources...

You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship. |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies. | Fine Arts and Photography. |
| Performing Arts. | Parenting and Family. |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help. | Personal Care. |
| Computer Training. | Web Development. |
| Pet and Animal Care. | Home Gardening, Repair and DIY. |
| Psychology. | History. |
| Religious and Spiritual Studies. | Science. |
| General Education. | Special Education. |
| Homeschooling. | Teacher Resources. |
| Test Preparation. | Social Work. |
| Language Arts. | Terminology. |
| Math and Writing Skills. | Law, Legal and Criminal.and more! |

Go through each full course to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates! Some courses even offer Video Mode for those wanting to simply audit courses. Remember to log in with your full library card number (ex: P41256) when first signing up.

LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES

Choose from over 70 languages to learn for FREE! Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, ESL (Inglés) and much more!! Easy to use and self-paced, with audio, video and vocabulary to help you learn at your own comfort. Register for your own free personal profile or click QUICK START below to get started right away! Remember to sign in with your library card number (ex: 41256) when you first register.

MANGO MONDAYS - EVERY MONDAY Beginning August 3rd

Sign up anytime during the month of August for Mango Languages on the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and be entered in a raffle to win fun door prizes every Monday! Be sure to either fill out a ticket at the front desk or message us on Facebook at [fb.com/saffordlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/saffordlibrary) so we can enter you in. Door prizes will be drawn every Monday at 4 PM.

Economics Resources for Teachers

Mark Sammons, the Coordinator for Outreach with the Office of Economic Education, Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona, and our liaison for all of the fabulous economics professional development, has some great news to share!

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) will be holding its annual conference for teachers in **Phoenix on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 & 8, 2016**. This is great news for Arizona teachers, since travel costs to this national conference will be minimal.

The conference is designed to serve teachers in the K-12 range, and virtually all of the presentations are on innovative ways to teach economics content or integrate it into other subjects across the curriculum.

For information, visit <http://councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference/>

It's not too early to plan on attending this conference!



3TV WeatherBug Schools Program

Help keep students and staff safe from lightning and severe weather, share your school's weather data with the community and boost STEM initiative at your school!

Visit www.weatherbug.com

DJ Mowrey | Account Manager, WeatherBug Schools Program | O: 800-544-4429 X 4064 | M: 301-639-8402 | www.weatherbug.com



The Arizona Rural School Association (ASRA) has announced their **Teacher of the Year Finalists: Congratulations to Nicole Deem of Ruth Powell School in the Safford Unified School District on her nomination.** We know she will represent Graham County very well. Best wishes Nicole!!

Congratulations and good luck to all of the 11 finalists for Arizona Rural Teacher of the Year:

Richard Praun - Cochise County

Lela Schober - Coconino County

Kevin Mart - Gila County

Nicole Deem - Graham County

Jared Collins - Greenlee County

Kathleen Baker - La Paz County

Kelli Lambrecht - Maricopa County

Faith Caffey - Navajo County

Yemille Peiro - Santa Cruz County

Jessica Smith - Yavapai County

Jean Berdin - Yuma County

Teacher of the Year

Each year ARSA presents two prestigious awards to outstanding Arizona educators: the County Teacher of the Year Awards and the Arizona Teacher of the Year award. Award winners receive plaques acknowledging their achievements and recognition.

The Arizona Teacher of the Year award winner also receives a check for \$1000 as well as an all expense paid trip to the annual National Rural Education Association Convention.

All State winners also have their names engraved on a large plaque that is housed at Northern Arizona University.

Conference details can be found at azruralschools.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Arizona's Sixteenth Annual Transition Conference

Trending in Transition: Education, Engagement, Employment

Addressing the Transition Needs of Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

August 29–31, 2016

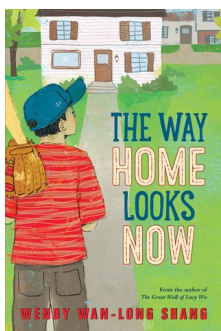
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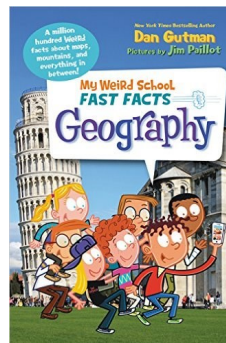
<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=1407> (professionals) or <https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=1408> (youth, young adults, family members not applying for a scholarship).

Reviews from the Phoenix Book Company:



Twelve year old Peter Lee and his family are avid baseball fans. Even his strict Chinese immigrant father Ba -who has Peter do homework on the way to games- has some regard for the sport. However, once tragedy strikes, and takes with it a cherished loved one, no one talks about baseball anymore. Peter's mom stops talking altogether. Convinced that what brought them together

before can keep them together now, Peter joins a Little League team.



Whether you're vying for a spot on Jeopardy, studying for an exam, wanting to impress someone with your trivia smarts, or simply hoping to learn more about sports or geography, *My Weird School, Fast Facts Sports/Geography* by [Dan Gutman](#) is for you!

Teacher Leadership Program—A Support System for SETM Teachers

Novice teachers of science and mathematics have a variety of needs, such as assistance with curriculum alignment, classroom management, and pedagogy including the integration of technology and content. Research shows that new teachers are not staying in the profession due to a variety of issues, one being that they don't feel connected with other teachers. By providing a formal structure where novice teachers are connected with a mentor of the same content and grade level, a professional teachers association, and the STEM education community, their feelings of isolation will lessen and retention of teachers will increase.

In addition, the TLP supports experienced teachers by training them and building their capacity to be leaders in your district.

Now is the time to have your teachers apply! We have funding from APS Foundation to help offset part of the fees for this 3-year program. **Applications are due by October 1st, 2016.**

For more information about the program, please click [here](#) or follow this QR Code.



Sincerely,

Sara Torres

ASTA Executive Director Flandrau Science Center & Planetarium

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REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

There is **NO COST** to register, thanks to generosity of our the event sponsors!

EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE MCMURRAY COMMUNICATIONS

Please complete registration form. Registrations are taken on a first-come-first serve basis based on space limitations. Request registration form by contacting:

Kimberly Termain at 928-432-6932 or send email to ktermain@cpic-cas.org

JOB FAIR DETAILS

DATE: Friday, August 19, 2016

TIME: 1:00pm-4:00pm

LOCATION

Eastern Arizona College
Gherald L. Hoopes Jr Activity Center
Corner US Hwy 70/College Ave
Thatcher, AZ

Free Educational Resources by SmartTutor Education Programs

Parents can find a wide variety of free educational resources such as online educational games, word searches, coloring pages, free reading lessons, free math lessons, printable flashcards, award certificates, bookmarks, door hangers, and vocational and occupational flashcards. Print lunch notes and party invitations with the characters your children learned from. You can use these resources to encourage and motivate children to continue learning and have fun while doing so!

[For Web Site](#)

Sponsor: The Safeway Foundation

Name: Safeway Education Grants

Who: Non-profit organizations in areas where Safeway has stores
(partner with schools)

Cost Share: None Amount: \$2,500—\$10,000 for first time recipients

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/how-we-fund.html>

Sponsor: Chef Ann Foundation and Skoop

Name: Project Produce

Who: Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program

Cost Share: None Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.chefannfoundation.org/programs/project-produce>

The Fender Music Foundation Grant

The Fender Music Foundation awards instruments and equipment to eligible music instruction programs. The organization is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars and the equipment necessary to play these instruments. However, other traditional music instruments are sometimes available. To qualify as a music instruction program, participants must be learning how to make music.

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

ALA Association for Library Service for Children Professional Service

Every year, more than \$100,000 is given away through ALSC's professional awards, grants, and scholarships. Please click on the individual award or grant for application information.

[For information about scholarships please click here](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

A list of the [2015 Professional Award winners](#) is now available.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

<http://www.ala.org//alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>

School Grants Today eMagazine

K-12 Grants, Tips and News

www.schoolgrantstoday.com

Freebies to Build Better Lessons

EngageNY curates a number of Common Core lesson plans for pre-K through 12th grade that can be searched by grade, subject and keywords. There are also curriculum maps and a rich video library.

BetterLesson houses 16,000+ Common Core, Next Gen science, and blended learning lessons created from Master Teacher projects. There are additional lessons created by the BetterLesson community, and there's a page with "new and popular" lessons of the week. It's easy to search the site. When we searched "ELA thesis statements," we found 15 lessons from Master Teachers and almost 97,000 from the community.

Grab and Go Mini-tasks for teachers to use with students immediately in the classroom are on the Literacy De-sign Collaborative website. These resources for back to school help teachers create literacy-rich assignments and courses across content areas.

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

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Sponsor: Major League Baseball and Major League Baseball Players Association

Name: Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Who: Youth programs

Cost Share: None Shown **Amount:** Typically \$50,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Quarterly

Description: To promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs.

Link: eb.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund

Youth and Community Development Grants

Sponsor: Office Depot Foundation

Deadline: Monthly **Amount:** \$50-\$3,000

Description: The Foundation provides funding to the following program areas: 1. Giving Children Tools for Success—Supporting activities that give young people tools to succeed in the school and in life through education and inspiration. 2. Building Capacity to Serve Communities—Supporting programs that help non-profit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently and effectively. 3. Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding....

<http://officedepotfoundation.org>

Name: Actuarial Foundation: Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grant

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000 **Deadline:** Open

Description: Supports math enhancement programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics for grades 4-12 students in U.S. public and private schools. Programs eligible for support may include, but are not limited to, clubs, competitions, before and after school programs, classroom extension periods, etc. Funded programs must impact 20 to 25 students and meet a minimum of one time per month. **Link:**

http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml